CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Recovered_003528 (Fireworks 81.29 ~).jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1800613.017
Medium:	Image File
Director:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	19 March 2019
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	19 March 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The image is a highly sexualised image of two young girls. The only purpose of the image is the sexual arousal of those with a sexual interest in children. The availability of such material encourages the creation and reinforcement of this sexual interest by presenting children as appropriate subjects for adult sexual gratification. The objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, it is consistent with Parliaments intention that publications falling under s3(2) Of the FVPC Act are deemed objectionable. This is a justifiable and reasonable restriction on the freedom of expression and reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable from exploitation.